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## CPYRGHT Obliging the Enemy

from the United Press, Washington, March 15:

Allen W. Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, said today this nation goes "too far" in giving out information that might help Communist spies.

"I would give a good deal if I could know as much about the Soviet Union as the Soviet Union can learn about us merely by reading the press," Dulles said. "We tell Russia too much."

From the Associated Press, Washington, March 16:

A virtually complete catalogue of this country's weapons—existing, new, in production and ordered for production—turned up today without any kind of secrecy label. Identified as a "production record" and bearing the signature of the retiring Deputy Secretary of Defense, Roger M. Kyes, this Defense Department directive became available to reporters in a daily batch of ordinary departmental orders.

Public relations officers obviously were taken by surprise . . .

The other Dulles, Allen W., certainly is correct. "We tell Russia too much."—much, much, too much. Indeed, the volume of official defense information released for publication recalls the prize boner made by the Germans during World War II. Even after the beginning of hostilities they continued to publish a "blue book" of German industry with precise locations and descriptions of war plants. Allied bombers obliged.

But Mr. Dulles is wrong in appearing to make the press the villain

of the piece. Reporters should not have, and do not want, access to classified material. When information is handed them in the normal course of events they suppose, and often are assured, that this material has been cleared for publication. The fault is with those who clear this material, for only they can judge its security value.